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CHAMPION JAYWALK TOPS 115 3-YEAR-OLD FILLIES NOMINATED FOR 145TH RUNNING OF \$1.25 MILLION LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, March 1, 2019) – Champion 2-year-old filly **Jaywalk**, winner of the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (Grade I) in November at Churchill Downs, tops the roster of 115 early nominations to the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI), America's premier race for 3-year-old fillies that will be run beneath the historic Twin Spires on Friday, May 3.

Owned by **D. J. Stable** and **Cash is King LLC**, Jaywalk is scheduled to make her 2019 debut in Saturday's \$200,000 Davona Dale (GII) at Gulfstream Park in South Florida. The speedy daughter Cross Traffic became the early Kentucky Oaks favorite with an impressive 5 ½-length score in the Nov. 2 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

Also nominated to the 1 1/8-mile Kentucky Oaks were multiple graded stakes winner **Bellafina**; regally-bred **Chasing Yesterday**, the winner of the Starlet (GI); and runaway Rachel Alexandra (GII) winner **Serengetti Empress**.

Each of the 115 fillies nominated to the Oaks was made eligible by a \$200 payment that was due Feb. 16. A complete list of nominations is available at <https://www.churchilldowns.com/horsemen/stakes/nominations/>.

The Road to the Kentucky Oaks has 13 major prep races remaining. For a complete list of the schedule and current Longines Kentucky Oaks leaderboard, visit: <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/horses/oaks>.

Fillies not nominated to the Kentucky Oaks can be made eligible through a \$1,500 late fee due April 13 or a \$20,000 supplemental nomination due at the time of entry. The Oaks field is limited to 14 starters and up to four fillies can be designated as "also-eligible" to start. Eligibility to compete is determined by points amassed during the "Road to the Kentucky Oaks" point series.

The Kentucky Oaks received a \$250,000 purse hike for 2019. The race was previously run for a purse of \$1 million from 2011-18.

Like the May 4 Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve, the Longines Kentucky Oaks has been run each year without interruption since 1875. The lucrative race is the centerpiece of a spectacular day of racing and entertainment at Churchill Downs that celebrates fashion, food, celebrity and fun with a focus on women's health issues and outreach.

DEFENDING CHAMPION YOSHIDA HEADS 56 NOMINEES FOR THE 33RD RUNNING OF THE GRADE I, \$1 MILLION OLD FORESTER TURF CLASSIC

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, March 1, 2019) – **China Horse Club**, **WinStar Farm**, **Starlight Racing** and **Head of Plains Partners'** defending champion **Yoshida (JPN)** topped 56 early nominees that were made eligible to compete in this year's Grade I, \$1 million Old Forester Turf Classic on May 4 at Churchill Downs.

Trained by Hall of Famer **Bill Mott**, Yoshida was one of 14 Grade I winners from around the world nominated to the 1 1/8-mile classic that is run immediately prior to the Kentucky Derby over the Matt Winn Turf Course.

Other accomplished Grade I winners who were nominated include Pegasus World Cup Turf winner **Bricks and Mortar**, 2016-17 Old Forester Turf Classic hero **Divisidero**, Arlington Million winner **Robert Bruce** and Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf victor **Sistercharlie (IRE)**.

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Trainer **Chad Brown**, known as one of the top turf conditioners in the world, led all trainers with 12 nominations to the race.

The winner of the March 23 Muniz Memorial Handicap (GII) at Fair Grounds will be granted an automatic, no fees paid, berth to the Old Forester Turf Classic as well as the Arlington Million (GI). The 2019 Turf Classic winner also will receive an automatic, no fees paid berth into the Arlington Million.

The Turf Classic, which received a purse boost of \$500,000 in 2019, annually attracts many of the nation's most accomplished grass racing stars. Past winners include two-time Horse of the Year **Wise Dan**, one of three horses to earn a pair of victories in the race, and Eclipse Award champions **Manila, Paradise Creek, Sky Classic** and **English Channel**. Also, **Einstein (BRZ)**, a Grade I winner on both dirt and turf, won back-to-back renewals in 2008-09.

Horses nominated to the Old Forester Turf Classic were made eligible by a \$100 payment that was due Feb. 16. Horses not nominated can qualify through a \$1,500 late fee due April 13 or a \$20,000 supplemental nomination due at the time of entry on April 30. The race is limited to 14 starters with preference given to winners of graded turf stakes and, after that, highest earnings in stakes races on turf in 2018-19.

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